



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays  
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September 10, 2022  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14*. During the forty days that Moses spent on top of Mt. Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments the people melted their gold and made a small effigy of the Egyptian bull, a golden calf. They declared this to be their god who brought them out of Egypt. They had returned to paganism and idolatry. God decided to punish them, but because of the intercession of Moses He stayed His hand and forgave them.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 1:12-17*. The Apostle wrote two letters to Timothy, advising and encouraging him to continue his great work for Christ. This First Epistle was written in 65 or 66 A.D. from Macedonia. St. Paul spent his Christian life regretting his sinful past and wondering at the infinite mercy of Christ, the Son of God, who not only forgave all his past sins but showered His graces on him so abundantly. He realized that his past crimes against Christ, whom he judged as an impostor who was perverting the Chosen People of God, and also his persecution of the Jewish converts to Christ, were caused by his own pride. Yet he blames himself for the ignorance which caused this pharisaical pride in him, while Christ on the other hand excused him because of this ignorance. The conclusion he rightly draws from this is that there is no sinner so wicked but can be forgiven, and will be forgiven, if only he listens to the call of Christ.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 15:1-32. The lesson that these stories, made up by our Lord himself, has for us is clearly a lesson of hope

and confidence in the infinite mercy of God in His dealings with us. We are all sinners in one way or another. We have all gone astray, got lost like the sheep and the coin in those stories, sometime or other. What is worse, we are all capable of going astray from God again at any moment. If we had only the justice of God to deal with we might well despair, our chances of reaching heaven would be slight indeed.

We are dealing, however, with a God of infinite mercy, who loves us with a love we cannot grasp or understand. All this infinite mercy of God is there for our benefit as long as we have the breath of life in us in this world. The whole of the Old Testament is full of examples and proofs of this mercy of God for man. It is in the New Testament, however, which begins with that almost incredible act of divine mercy, the Incarnation, that the infinite mercy of God for all mankind is seen in its fullness. The coming of the Son of God on earth in our human nature, His teaching, His sufferings and death, His resurrection were all accomplished for us, so that we could rise glorious from the dead and share the joys of heaven, to which we have no claim whatever, except the merciful goodness and generosity of God.

God does not need us to make his existence happy. He is all-powerful, all-perfect, all-happy in himself. Because He is a God of love, a God of infinite generosity, He wants to give us a share in His happiness. At times one must wonder how any man who knows of God's generosity and of what that generosity has led Him to do for us, could ever think of abandoning that loving God, or get lost in futile earthly folly. Yet that does happen when we sin grievously.

God does not cast us out forever as sinners unworthy of His gifts. Instead, He foresees such folly on

our part, and has left us lessons of encouragement, as in today's parables, and set up in the Church ways and means to carry on His work of mercy for weak, mortal men. During His life on earth, Christ dealt mostly with sinners—he said he came to save the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He told the Pharisees that it was the sick who needed a doctor, not those who were well. The Pharisees in their pride thought they were not sick but they were, and He was only too ready to heal them too if only they would let Him.

He spent his days then among sinners, the tax-gatherers, the robbers, the adulterers, the usurers. The twelve special friends He chose from amongst His followers had more than their share of human failings.

We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. With this knowledge and conviction, which any true Christian must have, of the infinite mercy of God, no sinner need ever, and should never, despair. No sinner was ever lost and no sinner will ever be lost, because of his sins. Sinners are lost only because they will not trust and believe in God's mercy and turn to Him to ask for pardon.

Not a day passes but our merciful Father sends out and calls to us His erring children to return to our Father's household. Today, one of those calls is in the very words of the parables you have heard. There may be another call for the sinners amongst us. There may not. Heed this one and the other call will not be necessary. Turn to God today with a truly contrite heart. God will do the rest.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings Cycle C, Fr. Kevin O'

**Collection**  
**September 03, 2022**

Envelopes	\$390.00
Loose	\$31.00
Cemetery Fund	\$95.00
Shrine Fund	\$120.00
	\$636.00

**NOTICES:**

**1: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market:** The next market is Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>; the location is directly across from the Johnstown Parish Hall located at 15290 Highway 4 in Johnstown. Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**2: Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine:** “The Annual Celebration for Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou will take place on Sunday September 11th. The Continuous Rosary starts at 1:00 pm at the Shrine.

Mass will be offered at St. Mary’s Church at 4:00 pm with Father Dan MacDonald officiating. There will be refreshments at the Parish Hall after Mass Compliments of St. Mary’s CWL For inquiries please call 902-945-2221

The Gift Shop at the Shrine is open every day from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.”

**3: September 10<sup>th</sup>:** The intention for the Mass will be the repose of the soul of John Oram, who passed away this summer. Following the mass there will be a light lunch in the hall.

**4: Richmond County Programs:** If you are looking for more information on a specific program, or you are looking to register for a program, please contact Sharla Sampson at 902-226-0664 or by email at [smombourquette@richmondcounty.ca](mailto:smombourquette@richmondcounty.ca).

**5: Gentle Yoga 55+** For seniors who are looking for a safe, effective way to enhance their physical health and overall wellness, the stretching, breathing, and meditation practices of yoga can be a great solution. In fact, as you will see, doing yoga regularly can result in a host of benefits for older adults, from greater flexibility and improved balance to lower stress and better sleep.

Gentle Flow Yoga  
Red Island Fire Hall, Red Islands  
Mondays, for 8 weeks beginning September 26  
10:00 am -11:30 am, Fee: \$25.00  
Instructor: Helen Slade

**6: RICHMOND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Members at Large required!**

- \* Term for members will be a 4-year Council term
- \* The committee will meet 6 times per year
- \* Experience in recreation/programming required
- \* Members must have volunteer experience
- \* Members must have an interest in the County as a whole Persons who are interested are requested to submit applications to Shannon Mury, Manager of Recreation, at [smury@richmondcounty.ca](mailto:smury@richmondcounty.ca)

**7: The Richmond Solid Waste Management Facility** (634 Highway 206, West Arichat) is now an EPRA-approved Electronics Recycling Depot drop off location for your end of life electronics. Facility hours are Monday to Saturday, 8:30am to 4:00pm (closed all holidays). For a list of electronic accepted please visit <https://recyclemyelectronics.ca>